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ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 14 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

TUCSON, Ariz. – Noe Gutierrez-Beltran, 29, of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, was sentenced here today to 14 months in federal prison by Chief U.S. District Judge John M. Roll. Gutierrez-Beltran pleaded guilty on June 1, 2007 to the charge of Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm.

On March 8, 2007, Gutierrez-Beltran was in the U.S. illegally and was living in a house where Tucson Police Department officers served a search warrant. During the execution of the warrant, police officers found a CZ model 52, 7.62x25 caliber pistol in the bedroom where Gutierrez-Beltran stayed. He admitted that the gun was his.

Gutierrez-Beltran's prosecution is part of a specialized enforcement initiative known as the Violent Crime Impact Teams (VCIT) Initiative. The City of Tucson is one of 25 cities nationally that have been targeted for inclusion in this specialized initiative. the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is the lead federal law enforcement agency and uses an integrated federal, state and local law enforcement strategy to identify, disrupt, arrest and prosecute the most violent criminals in 25 U.S. cities. The VCIT concept was modeled after the successes of the earlier-developed illegal firearms enforcement program known as Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), with additional ATF resources redirected from across the country to target specific areas that had an unacceptable level of violent crime, particularly firearms related homicides, as compared to the national average.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tucson Police Department and ATF. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer J. Maldonado, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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